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1. At the time of Stalin's funeral CHOU En-lai was introduced to Kuznetsov, newly appointed Soviet Ambassador to Peiping, by Malenkov and Molotov. CHOU was told that the Soviet Government had assigned Kuznetsov special authority to represent Malenkov in high policy discussion with MAO Tse-tung and that all Soviet groups in China were under his direct supervision.
2. On 27 March Kuznetsov met all Soviet representatives in Peiping, including diplomatic, commercial, military and technical consultant personnel. He instructed them that they would observe the following regulations:
 - a. They would take no part in factional strife in the Chinese Communist central or local governments.
 - b. They would not interfere with Chinese Communist domestic policy unless instructed to by their Soviet superiors.
 - c. Unless exempt under diplomatic immunity or service agreements negotiated with the Chinese, Soviet personnel in China will be subject to Chinese law and any action of the Chinese Government for any violation of the law. The Soviet Embassy will not try to intervene in any law violation cases.
3. After presenting his credentials and modifying the organization of the Embassy, Kuznetsov is to visit important mainland cities with small groups elected by the Government Administrative Council of the Chinese Communist Government.

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1. Comment. A member of the China Democratic League may well be an official of the Chinese Communist Government. Much of the information of this report may well be rumors based on news handouts passed to government personnel in Peiping.

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